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Dear Commission Members:

I wish to express my support for the petition filed by Tom Blackwell, N5GAR. Assigned file number of RM-7649 on March 6, 1991.

Part 97.205(d) of the Amateur Radio Service Rules and Regulations does allow for automatic operation of a repeater. My understanding of the Rules and Regulations leads me to believe that these rules apply equally to all amateur repeaters in automatic operation, including: **amateur television repeaters, earth orbiting satellite repeaters, RTTY repeaters, phone repeaters, and digital repeaters.**

Just because packet radio permits storage, forward, and hardcopy printout of the relayed communications, that should not make digital repeaters any more guilty of relaying instantaneous illegal transmissions, than the other types of repeaters allowed under Part 97.205 (d).

The originator of an illegal transmission should be the person held responsible. Control operators of repeaters in automatic operation believe that all legally licensed users should use their system in a legitimate manner. No matter what type of repeater it might be. In most cases, control operators and owners, have invested personal time and money, in a repeater system that can benefit the entire Amateur Radio community.

Thank you for considering my opinions on this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
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